NINE FAMILIES IN FIRE PANIC

Forced to Flee from Burning Building in Night Groping Through Hallways Filled with Smoke.

FLAMES SHOT UP THROUGH AIRSHAFT

Blaze Started in Woodbins Down in the Basement, Where It Is Believed a Lighted Candle Had Been Left.

Fire caused a panic in the five-story tenement-house at No. 281 East Eighty ninth street early to-day. All of the nine familles escaped from the burning building in their nightclothes after groping their way through the halls

The fire started in the wood bins in the basement where it is thought a lighted candle must have been left. The smoke first awakened John Kemp who lives on the first floor. He ran through the building awakening the sleeping tenants, while his wife carried out their three children.

The flames reached the airshaft and

shot upward through the building until soon the entire central part of the structure was afire. Many persons in adjoining buildings became frightened and left their homes, but the fire was

and left their homes, but the fire was confined to the one building by the firemen.

Edward Graney, a policeman who went into the burning building, played the part of a hero and it is due to his bravery and coolness that there were ho lives lost. As soon as he heard the cry of "Fire!" and saw that the hall was ablaze he made a door-to-door visit of the flats on every story, awakening the inmates and sending them down the fire-escapes.

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Mothers with children in their arms, small boys and girls and grown men, all came down the fire-escapes. Some in the panic that followed the discovery made an attempt to force an exit out through the blinding smoke of the hall. but Graney and one or two men who assisted him turned them back into the rooms and down the fire-escapes.

All this time Graney was in the building fighting against the smoke and heat. When the last family had passed out of the tenement to safety Graney himself was almost in a state of collapse. After reaching the fresh air of the street it took him some time to recover.

The cause of the fire is being investigated. Of alie a firebug has been going the rounds of Harlem, spreading terror into the various sections of the district. The suspicious circumstances of this fire leads the Fire Marshal to believe

LOUISE GUNNING

STILL FANCY FREE

day.

The total loss is more than \$100,000.

The flames soon spread to the main building and, fanned by the high wind, the stables and sheds were after. Three horses were burned to death.

Three alarms were sent in, but the firemen were unable to hold the fire down. The factory of Blerschank & Co. next took fire and burned to the ground at a loss of \$40,000.

The works owned by John Beckman were destroyed, at a loss of \$25,000, and the P. J. Oates factory was the last on the block to go before the flames. **Aumor Denied that Prima Donna** "Platonic Friendship."

Miss Louise Gunning, the prima donna of the Frank Daniels' Opera Company, whose reported marriage to Frederick Pitney, proprietor of the United States Cab Company, of Nos. 6-10 East Thirtyfirst street, was telegraphed from Boston yesterday, is according to later advices still heart whole and fancy free at least so far as Mr. Pitney is concerned.

Miss Gunning's dearest girl friend in the comany was responsible for the ru mor that Miss Gunning, who left the company suddenly at the close of the engagement in Providence, had slipped When the company reported at the

Boston Theatre for rehearsal Miss Gun-ning did not appear. Instead there was a telegram dated New York for Stage Manager Frank Reither, which read: "Here on important busines. Will be in Boston in time for the performance

Notwithstanding this teegram all attempts to locate Miss Gunning in this city proved futile.

child and my parents used to let me drink coffee because I would cry for it," says a Georgia young woman. "When I entered school my nerv-Mr. Pitney was not at his office when an Evening World reporter called there this morning, but a member of the firm who said he was Mr. Pitney's brother-inlaw did not credit the reported engage
But I did not get any better and my parents thought it was due to my going to school, so they took me out again. But I did not get any better and my makened

law did not credit the reported engagement.

"There is a strong platonic friendship between Mr. Pitney and Miss Gunning," he said, "but that's as far as it goes. I do not believe they are married, or even engaged. As a matter of fact I saw Mir, Pitney yesterday afternoon and he did not say a word about any marriage or contemplated marriage.

He would certainly have mentioned it to me. We all know Miss Gunning, but we do not believe in the reported marriage. The whole thing must have been gotten up as a hoax.

But I did not get any better and my headaches got worse and weakened me so that I was unfit for any duty. Sometimes I would go a whole day without any other nourishment than a cup of coffee.

"Last spring I had a bad attack of the grippe, and when I recovered I found that coffee nauseated me so I could not drink it, and even a few swallows would cause a terrible burning in my stomach. It was at

this time that a friend who had been much benefited by the use of USED ANOTHER MAN'S NAME

5. Aronson Was Not Person Chase from Plaza Hotel,

Samuel Aronson, of No. 241 East One Hundred and Sixteenth street, to-day emphatically denied the printed stories to the effect that last Friday he was chased from the Plaza Hotel and in his flight received a broken ankle.

Mr. Aronson conducts a musical studio at the One Hundred and Sixteenth street address. His home address is No. 1775 Madison avenue. Mr. Aronson in his statement says that on Friday evening he was at his home giving a plano lesson and that he has not the faintest idea "who could be so base and mean as to use his name," and "that furthermore he will cause an investigation to be made to find the guilty party who used his name and addess." emphatically denied the printed stories

Doll Photo Album for St. Louis. PARIS, Oct. 19 .- The Minister of Pubalbum containing photographs of a hundred fine dolls dressed in national costumes by Mile. Keenig, which is a conspicuous feature in the Pedagogic Museum, shall be included in the exhibit of his department at the St. Louis Seposition.

NURSE WHO WED BANKER'S SON INTERESTS SOCIETY.



MRS. C. CHAUNCEY STILLMAN.

The marriage of C. Chauncey Still-, She desired to be a trained nurse, and man, son of Banker James Stillman, went through a severe course of trainto Miss Mary E. Wight, of Augusta, ing at various hospitals in Boston be-Me., who nursed him during an attack fore she received an appointment at of typhoid fever at Harvard, has the Harvard Hospital, where she met caused much comment in Fifth avenue society. There is much curiosity expressed regarding the young woman, life was despaired of by the physicians, who, by her marriage, has stepped and credit for his recovery was given from the position of nurse into the to Miss Wight, who was constant and most exclusive social circles in the tender in her attendance upon him.

country.
Mrs. C. Chauncey Stillman is the daughter of a jeweller of Augusta, Me. Her father is not considered a very wealthy man, and the daughter possesses an independent spirit, which made her determine to earn her own living after she left school.

FIRE DESTROYS 4

were swept out by a fire which started in the boiler-room of Thomas Kells & Co.'s factory on Whale Creek, between

Eagle and Freeman streets, early to-

BULGARIA DISBANDS TROOPS.

called from the Frontier.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 19.-In con-

sequence of the understanding arrived

at between Turkey and Bulgaria, the latter, it is stated here, has ordered the disbandment of 10,000 troops now on

the frontier.

Turkey must now, in accordance with
the agreement, disband 20,000 of her

SPOILED CHILDREN

Usually Make Sickly Men and Women

The "spofled" child usually make

a weak, sickly man or woman be

cause such a youngster has its own

way about diet and eats and drinks

things that are unfitted for any

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burning in my stomach. It was at

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drink. I found it simply delicious

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gained twelve pounds and my nerves

are as steady as any one's.
"I consider myself well and strong

and I make it a point now to take a cup of Postum with a cracker or two

as soon as I come home from school in the afternoon. Postum with crack-

ers or a biscuit makes my luncheon

it certainly saved my life, for I know

had I continued drinking it.

coffee would have killed me in time

stenographer, who declares nothing strengthens and refreshes her like

Postum, and she has a little oil stove in her office and makes a cup of Pos-

tum at noontime. I have recom-mended this wonderful beverage to

"I have a young girl friend, a

stomach, and sickness results.

young Stillman When he contracted typhoid fever his

By her marriage she becomes the sis ter-in-law of two daughters of William Rockefeller and also of Mrs. Fifi Potter Stillman, the daughter of Mrs. James

Brown Potter and a niece of Bishop Potter. She also becomes the daugh-ter-in-law of one of the richest men in the United States, and one of the finan-cial leaders of the world. Diphtheria Closes Schools. KINGSTON, N. Y., Oct. 19. - The schools in the village of Saugerties have

been compelled to close on account of a mild case of diphtheria among the teachers. Nearly all of the other teachers board in the same house and the health officers have quarantined it.

EDSON'S WIDOW REPAID \$10,000

Of \$59,000 Stolen from Church by Murderer and Suicide She Replaces Amount of Life In-

Rev. John P. Peters, pastor of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, at Ninetyninth street and Amsterdam avenue referred at the Sunday services to the loss the church had sustained through he embezzlement of Henry Townsend Edson, who murdered Mrs. Fanny Pullen and killed himself seven weeks ago.

Mr. Edson was not referred to by name, but his defalcation was touched upon in a review by the pastor of the thurch's affairs for the past ten years.

"After a careful examination of the church books it has been found that the loss amounts to \$59,000. Of this, \$10,000 has been saved through the honorable has been saved through the honorable act of the defaulter's widow, who has made over to the corporation two life insurance policies for \$5,000 each. "There is also an amount of \$6,000 which is lost by a bank. Through the acceptance of a forged check by this bank, it (the bank) will also be made responsible for an additional amount yet to be adjusted. I think that the loss to the church will approxima te \$40,000." Dr. Peters concluded with the announcement that a large amount of the church's loss had been made good through the generosity of a parishoner. It is understood that Dr. Peters's brother, William R. Peters. Treasurer of the church, has almost entirely wiped out the Edson defalcation.

More Balfour Appointments. LONDON, Oct. 19.—Charles Scott Dickson, Solicitor-General for Scotland pince 1896, has been appointed Lord Advocate for Scotland in succession to Andrew Graham Murray. David Dundas has been appointed Solicitor-General for Scotland.

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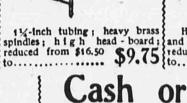
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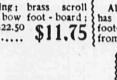
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